

REPARATIONS COMMISSION REJECTS GERMANY'S OFFER

Resolution to Accord a Moratorium to Germany Was Voted Down, 3 to 1—Also Voted Down Germany's Offer of Payments of 500,000 Pounds Monthly on Her Pre-War Debt—The Commission Has Postponed Further Action Until After the London Conference—Allied Statesmen Are Gathered in London for the Opening of the Reparations Conference Today.

Paris, Aug. 6.—(By the A. P.)—The reparations commission by a vote of 11 to 3 last Thursday rejected a resolution which would have accorded a moratorium to Germany for the remainder of the calendar year of reparations. It also rejected Germany's offer of payments of \$500,000 pounds monthly on balances of her pre-war debt.

A communication in this effect was issued tonight by the reparations commission. The resolution which would have accorded a moratorium to Germany and acceptance of Germany's offer of the payment of \$500,000 pounds monthly on her pre-war debt was offered by Sir John Bradbury, the British delegate.

The announcement by the reparations commission has decided to postpone further action until after the London conference.

CONFERENCE ON REPARATIONS OPENS IN LONDON TODAY

London, Aug. 6.—(By the A. P.)—Allied statesmen are gathering in London tonight for the opening of the reparations conference which seems universally regarded as the most momentous conference since peace was concluded.

The immediate concern of the conference is the question of reparations and Germany's request for a moratorium; but since the delivery last week of the notes of the Earl of Balfour, it is assumed that the question of inter-allied indebtedness cannot be excluded from the discussions.

The situation is further complicated by the ultimatum France delivered to Germany concerning Germany's payments on account of clearing house debt and the measures which France is already taking to enforce this in connection.

Little hope seems to be entertained here that the conference will be a successful one, although it is fully recognized that in view of the swift fall in the value of the mark, which threatens to bring Germany in the wake of Austria and Russia financially, a situation has been reached in which half-way measures no longer will be of avail.

Great Britain will be represented at the conference by Premier Lloyd George, Austen Chamberlain, Lord Privy Seal, Earl Curzon, who has recovered from the illness which necessitated the Earl of Balfour's temporary resignation, the foreign office, Sir Robert S. S. Harcourt, chancellor of the exchequer, and Sir James W. Thompson, secretary of the conference.

The principal visiting delegates will be Premier Poincaré and M. Delors, France; Signor Schanzer, the Italian foreign minister, and Signor Parzone, and M. Jasar and M. Theunis, Belgium.

GERMAN SHIPS ORDERED NOT TO TOUCH FRENCH PORTS

Lisbon, Aug. 6.—German ships, in the service to and from Brazil have been ordered by their companies to return to their home ports and not to touch any French port for fear of seizure which, France may take if Germany fails to pay reparations.

LEWIS HOPEFUL OF EARLY SETTLEMENT OF COAL STRIKE

Cleveland, Aug. 6.—(By the A. P.)—Hope for an early settlement of the nation-wide soft coal strike held tonight by President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America who declared he was optimistic as to the possible result of a conference between union leaders and operators which began here tomorrow.

Only operators of the central competitive field comprising Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania have been invited to the conference with indications tonight favored late invitations to operators of other coal fields possibly resulting in enlargement of the central field as a basis for wage negotiations in the soft coal industry.

Mr. Lewis, in his arrival here tonight from Pittsburgh where he spent the day declined to discuss the possible enlargement of a settlement, saying decision of the conference would depend on whether operators in the outlying districts would be invited into conference. He indicated, however, that he might submit a list of names to a committee of 125 members for settlement, affecting more states than those of the central competitive field.

TO BE ABLE TO WALK FOR FIRST TIME IN 39 YEARS

New York, Aug. 6.—A positive promise that on August 15 he will be able to walk for the first time in thirty-nine years was the joyful news of Frederick W. Birge, a 53 year old Middlebury, Vt. farmer, heard today at the hospital for the ruptured and crippled. On the night of August 1, a plaster cast extending from his knee to the shoulder blades, which he removed, temporary braces adjusted and he will walk.

Surgeons who have followed the case declare that this is the longest period of paralysis terminating in recovery known to surgical science. He has been under treatment since last December.

BOY DROWNED WHEN HE STEPPED INTO HOLE

Bridgeport, Aug. 6.—Stepping off into a deep hole, while wading in the water at Battery Side Beach, the city, Robert Bradford, seven, of Curtis street, was drowned today in sight of three companions with whom he had been playing. The hole was a short time ago to effect the bull of the tug boat Isis which was burned to the water's edge. Bradford's playmates said they were too frightened to do anything but run. The body was recovered.

NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE RESIDENCE DEDICATED

South Canaan, Me., Aug. 6.—The house where Nathaniel Hawthorne lived as a boy, overlooking Lake Sebago in this village, was dedicated as a community house today. Professor William B. Mitchell of Bowdoin college, from which Hawthorne was graduated in 1825, gave the principal address. Kate Douglas Wiggin, the author, also spoke. A committee of Hawthorne's work from an anonymous donor was presented to be kept in the building.

Martial Law in Four Provinces in Italy

Pierre Loti Seriously Ill
Paris, Aug. 6.—Pierre Loti, the famous writer, is seriously ill. He is unable to write or to read his personal correspondence.

Success of Free State Troops

Dublin, Aug. 6.—(By the A. P.)—It is officially announced that the national troops have secured a tactical success at Junction, Killybeg and Killybeg. They also occupied Listowel Saturday. The troops everywhere were greeted with remarkable enthusiasm, according to the statement.

Reorganizing Chinese Cabinet

Peking, Aug. 6.—(By the A. P.)—President Li Yuan-hung today attempted his second reorganization of the cabinet of progressive lines, and a second time offered the premiership to a supporter of the cabinet, Mr. Shao-yi, president of South China. Mr. Shao-yi, a graduate of Columbia university, prominent southern leader and Sun's representative in Shanghai, is the man asked to head the ministry.

COX IN SWITZERLAND TALKS ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Geneva, Aug. 6.—(By the A. P.)—The well-known American statesman, Mr. Charles D. Cox, who is visiting Switzerland, today made a speech before the League of Nations. He spoke of the League of Nations as a new era in the history of the world, and of the importance of the League of Nations in the maintenance of peace.

FRENCH TO HOLD GERMAN CAPITAL INVESTED IN FRANCE

Paris, Aug. 6.—(By the A. P.)—The commissary general for Alsace-Lorraine in a decree issued in connection with the Premier Poincaré order regarding French interests with respect to debts contracted by German individuals with Frenchmen before the war, forbids the withdrawal of funds in connection with accounts or deposits in banks or financial establishments in the name of German citizens. Banks are to consider these accounts or deposits as belonging to the French state.

OHIO TO HAVE A WET AND DRY PRIMARY TUESDAY

Columbus, Aug. 6.—(By the A. P.)—A wet and dry issue played its part in today's political activity in connection with Ohio's primary election Tuesday.

CLIPPING DOWN ESTIMATES OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

Washington, Aug. 6.—Budget bureau estimates of government expenditures for the fiscal year 1924 to the \$2,000,000,000 mark, it was said tonight at the treasury.

WALSH TO LEAD OPPONENTS TO THE DUTY ON HIDES

Washington, Aug. 6.—Senator Walsh of Massachusetts who is to lead the democratic opposition to the duty on hides, which will be considered by the senate tonight, declared in a statement tonight that the effect of the duty would be the destruction of the 700 independent tanning establishments over the country and the extension of the monopoly of the tanning industry.

IRISH REBELS SURPRISED BY PARTY OF NATIONALS

Belfast, Aug. 6.—(By the A. P.)—A party of nationalists surprised a republican flying column in the Glenties mountains parts in county Donegal, early today. After machine gun fire, the nationalists took off their shirts and hoisted it on their rifle. Several nationalists with their arms surrendered. Among them was Manus O'Flaherty, a well-known nationalist leader.

WIFE LURED AWAY FROM HOME WITH SON AND \$40,000

New York, Aug. 6.—Mrs. Salvatore Iacono, whose husband, a police officer, had been lured away from home June, taking \$40,000 of her money and her son, Anthony, 3, with her, has been reported today to have been lured away from her home in the Bronx, and reported the arrest of two men in connection with the case.

CHICAGO TRAFFIC WORKERS VOTE TO ACCEPT 10 PER CENT CUT

Chicago, Aug. 6.—Surface and elevated railway employees tonight voted 5,622 to 5,588 to accept a 10 per cent wage slash in wages and return to work, thus ending a strike which has paralyzed the city's electric transportation system for the past six days.

PLANE DAMAGED STARTING TRANS-CONTINENTAL FLIGHT

Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 6.—The plane in which Lieutenant J. H. Doolittle planned to attempt a trans-continental 24-hour flight ran into the surf at Palm Beach here tonight shortly after the take-off. First reports indicated it was wrecked.

MUTINIOUS CHINESE TROOPS HAVE SACKED CITY OF KICKING

Peking, Aug. 6.—(By the A. P.)—The city of Kicking, also known as Kiang, in Kiang province, has been sacked by mutinous troops, according to reports received here today. Two hundred shops were looted and destroyed. The damage is placed at \$3,000,000.

Wreck on the M. P.

Failure of Engineers to Heed the Block Signal is Given as the Cause—65 Injured.

Sulphur Springs, Mo., Aug. 6.—(By the A. P.)—Failure of engineers to heed a block signal caused the rear-end collision on the Missouri Pacific here last night which 38 persons were killed and about 137 injured, 35 seriously, according to John Cannon, assistant general manager of the road.

Train No. 4, a fast passenger vestibule steel train, running at full speed, crashed into No. 32, a local, composed of five wooden day coaches, a baggage and an express car, as the engine was taking on water with the coaches stretching back on a trestle over Glaua creek.

The impact hurled two of the local coaches down a 50-foot embankment edging the Missouri Pacific here last night. The wreckage crushed a number of passengers to death in their seats. Both trains were behind time. The fast passenger train, No. 4, was running late.

St. Louis carrying 150 passengers and the local train carrying 100 passengers. According to Mr. Cannon, Matt Enger, chief of the Missouri Pacific, and a passenger, failed to heed the block signal warning him the track was not clear ahead.

Engineers appeared on the scene shortly after the crash and robbed the dead and dying. Only one was arrested, and he said he was William Hall of St. Louis. Several police officers were on duty at the scene of the wreck. The wreckage was found on his person and a Bible was in his waist. The Bible, it was said, had been the property of Rev. O. Penley of Desoto, one of those killed.

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RAILROAD TAMPED WITH

Six Instances Reported by Officials of the Road—Accidents Were Averted by Early Discovery of the Damage—Police Charge Strikers and Strike Sympathizers With Responsibility—Union Leaders Look for "Much Good" to Result From the Pending Conference of Labor Leaders With President Harding.

New York, Aug. 6.—Six instances of tampering with the third rail of the electric divisions of the Long Island railroad were reported by officials of the road today. No accidents occurred, and because of the early discovery of the damage, the heavy Sunday traffic to Long Island beaches was little impaired except in the case of two trains, which were delayed four hours.

No statements were issued by the railroad on the strike situation as a whole. Robert S. Rinkler of the Railway Executive's association made public two telegrams.

The first, from J. M. Kurn, president of the St. Louis and San Francisco said: "Our situation continues to improve. Now have about 75 per cent normal force. Gain of 250 men past forty-eight hours."

The second, from Lyman Delano, vice president of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad company, said: "Our equipment is in as good and safe condition as on July 1. Running repairs have been and are being made currently. No interruption or elimination of any passenger or freight schedule."

As a result of the tampering with the third rail, officials of the road asked for an increase in police protection and announced the patrol along the right of ways would be doubled.

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